

## U.S. panel votes against contra aid

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. House of Representatives, in a key procedural vote, on Wednesday opposed a grant of \$40 million to the Nicaraguan rebels until President Reagan account for previous aid, including proceeds from U.S. arms sales to Iraq. The major test of House sentiment came several hours before the chamber was to take a final vote on the assistance. However, the 277-198 vote on a procedural matter was seen a temporary defeat for Mr. Reagan, who has made aid the "contra" rebels one of his major policy initiatives. But congressional leaders, including foes of contra aid, have acknowledged it will be virtually impossible to prevent the \$40 million, which was approved last year, from going through. The White House has said Mr. Reagan will veto any legislation postponing the aid, and Congress is not expected to be able to override a veto. House Speaker Jim Wright, an opposition Democrat, said the House vote was important because it would "send a message" to Mr. Reagan that his contra programme was in trouble. "The administration must face reality and focus on other ways to find peace," Mr. Wright said.

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## French foreign minister due here

AMMAN (J.T.) — French Foreign Minister Jean Bernard Raimond and his wife are due here during March 19-21 for a visit, the Jordan News Agency, Petra said. Mr. Raimond will be accompanied by an official delegation of senior officials at the French Foreign Ministry, it said. Mr. Raimond will also visit Oman from March 21-23 and the United Arab Emirates from March 23-24.

## Danish envoy presents credentials

AMMAN (J.T.) — Denmark's non-resident ambassador designate to Jordan Poul Bent Soendergaard on Wednesday handed a copy of his credentials to Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. Mr. Soendergaard succeeds Mr. Niels Tillells who has become director of a political department at the Danish Foreign Ministry in Copenhagen.

## ICRC: No prisoner swap in offing

GENEVA (R) — A recent census of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners in Israel by the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) was routine and not made in preparation for any prisoner exchange, an ICRC spokeswoman said Wednesday. Anti-Arab parliamentarian Rabbi Meir Kahane said earlier that Israel was preparing to release hundreds of Arab prisoners in exchange for foreign hostages and an Israeli airman held in Lebanon.

## Assad meets Polisario leader

DAMASCUS (R) — Visiting Polisario chief Mohammad Abdul Aziz on Wednesday discussed Arab and North African developments with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, the Syrian News Agency (SANA) reported. Mr. Abdul Aziz, on a four-day official visit, is president of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) proclaimed 11 years ago by Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for Western Sahara independence.

## S. Arabia decrees death sentence for drug smugglers

RIYADH (AP) — Saudi Arabia has decreed the death penalty for convicted drug smugglers and public flogging for traffickers. The decree was announced by Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ibn Abdul Aziz, based on a religious ruling by a panel of Ulema, or learned Muslim clergymen. Prince Nayef told Saudi reporters the new penalty would be both a "warning and a deterrent" to smugglers and traffickers.

## Fitzgerald quits Irish politics

DUBLIN (R) — Ousted Irish Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald, architect of a landmark Anglo-Irish accord on Northern Ireland, bowed out of Irish politics on Wednesday when he resigned his leadership of the Fine Gael (Land of Ireland) party, heavily defeated in last month's Irish election. Just one day after handing over power to arch-rival Charles Haughey, the 61-year-old Fitzgerald astonished Fine Gael colleagues with an announcement that transformed the political scene.

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# Jordan Times

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## OAU leaders assail S.Africa

CAIRO (R) — A mini-summit of nine African nations ended on Wednesday with a statement condemning South Africa's policies and calling for national reconciliation in Chad. The one-day conference of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) coordinating committee was attended by the leaders of Egypt, Congo, Sierra Leone, Djibouti, Zaire, Zambia, Uganda and lower level representatives from Mali and Algeria. On Chad, the most pressing issue on the agenda, the closing statement called for an end to hostilities between the Western-backed government of President Hissene Habre and Libyan forces in the north (Chad talks collapse, page 2). The statement expressed support for the idea of an international Middle East peace conference and reiterated backing for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Tuesday PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had written to him about the situation of Palestinians in Lebanon, where they have been involved in fierce battles with the Shi'ite Amal militia. The Egyptian leader also said the issue should be discussed within the context of a total settlement of the Middle East crisis.

## Syrian commander pledges to protect AUB and other institutions

Hizbullah warns Syrians not to enter S. Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syria's intelligence chief in Lebanon pledged on Wednesday to protect the kidnap-plagued American University of Beirut (AUB) and other educational institutions and said his commandos would deal severely with gunmen on campus.

The pledge followed a warning to Syria by the pro-Iranian Hizbullah (Party of God) to keep Syrian troops out of Beirut's southern suburbs, a Shi'ite stronghold where foreign hostages are reportedly held by militants.

In another development, Lebanon's main rightist militia unveiled a plan to provide subsidised food for up to nearly 150,000 Christians hit by a nationwide economic crisis.

The pledge to protect educational institutions in Beirut was made by Brigadier General Ghazi Kanaan in a statement broadcast by Beirut Radio. "Freedom of political activity at AUB and outside the university will be protected, but we will be very strict in dealing with any security threat in armed act," he said.

AUB's 5,000 students staged a day-long strike to protest a pre-

"We advise those concerned that massacres and transgressions will not preserve security, but might cause an explosion," it said.

"The southern suburbs have nothing to do with the (Syrian) security plan and no security measures are needed there," it added.

When Syrian troops entered west Beirut last month to quell inter-militia fighting, 18 Hizbullah supporters were killed in the mainly Shi'ite Muslim sector as the intervention force set about closing militia offices and bases there.

The organisation described the incident as a massacre and anti-Syrian slogans were shouted at a funeral for the victims.

The move on Wednesday by the rightist "Lebanese Forces" militia to offer subsidised food to Christians was believed to be the first attempt to organise poverty relief by one of the many armed groups whose activities have enabled the central government during 12 years of civil war.

Gen. Kanaan, who coordinates the Syrian forces' operations, said his men have taken "a number of steps to guarantee AUB's security and the safety of its students and teachers."

Most of the students detained Tuesday by Syrian forces in the AUB's two men's dormitories were freed nine hours later, police reported.

Hizbullah's warning to the Syrians came in a statement published in local newspapers.

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## Iraq reports crushing attacks in north and south

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said Wednesday its forces had crushed an Iranian attack on a strategic mountain peak in a rugged and snow-clad area of Iraq's Kurdish and another assault on positions east of the Basra-Baghdad highway.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the attack was repelled on Tuesday by the Fifth Army's 96th brigade on "Kard K" peak, overlooking the northern post of Haj Omar and 340 kilometres north of Baghdad.

INA said hundreds of Iranians were killed and large quantities of armour and weapons were left behind. It did not give Iraqi casualties.

The Iranian news agency IRNA claimed Tuesday that Iraqi troops had suffered 3,000 casualties in Iran's week-old offensive in northeast Iraq.

Iraq attacked across snow-capped peaks of northeastern Iraq last week in an area which saw heavy fighting in mid-1983.

The political department head at Iraq's Defence Ministry, Abdul Jabbar Muhsen, said on Monday fighting was continuing in the north but that Iran had exaggerated battle reports.

He said Tehran had done this "to make up for failure in the south and to encourage anti-

Baghdad Kurdish rebels to support its troops."

INA said later Iraqi forces had also repelled an Iranian attack on positions held by its Fourth Army Corps east of the southern Iraqi town of Anbarah on the Baghdad-Basra highway.

A Baghdad war communiqué said an Iranian infantry brigade, backed by tanks, launched the overnight attack and fierce fighting raged for more than six hours before Iranian troops fled the battlefield, leaving 220 men killed and many wounded.

No major battles have been reported fought by the Fourth Army Corps for more than a year.

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## Arab summit figures high in Fahd-Benjedid talks

ALGIERS (Agencies) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who began an Algerian visit on Wednesday, wants to work more closely with socialist Algeria on questions of oil and Middle East policy, the Saudi ambassador in Algiers said.

In an interview with the Algerian news agency APS, Ambassador Mohammad Hassan Faqiq said King Fahd and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid would discuss the Palestinian question, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the search for Middle East peace.

Also on the agenda were Lebanon and the "campus war," the Iran-Iraq war, the Western Sahara conflict and Chad.

The king and Mr. Benjedid would also exchange views on the international oil market, where

they said the summit would be held in the fall, possibly in October.

Mr. Faqiq said "Saudi Arabia was working to coordinate its positions with Algeria."

Arab diplomatic sources quoted by AP said the primary objective of the Fahd-Benjedid talks would be paving the road for the convening of an Arab summit.

Mr. Benjedid is the current chairman of the Arab League.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said King Fahd and Mr. Benjedid would discuss a plan designed to attain Arab consensus as a preparatory step for the convening of the summit.

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Mr. Faqiq said "we have a good shot at an agreement" on eliminating intermediate range missiles (INF) in Europe, Mr. Kampelman said.

But he cautioned against too much optimism, citing a need to look carefully at the small print of any such accord.

"I am concerned there is too much euphoria," he said.

"The devil is in those details," Mr. Kampelman said.

It appeared the allies, at least, had succeeded in reaching consensus on the tough verification issue.

Mr. Walsh, appointed in December to lead a criminal investigation into the affair, said he was to make the same request to a Senate committee on Wednesday.

Special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, who must determine whether anyone should be prosecuted for criminal misconduct in

the affair, said on Tuesday he was asking congressional committees probing the scandal to delay granting limited immunity from prosecution for 90 days.

He put the plea to the House of Representatives Iran committee at a 90-minute meeting on Tuesday, saying premature immunity could put the three beyond the law before a grand jury could decide whether they should be prosecuted.

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## King reviews work of administrative reform panel

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein chaired a meeting on Wednesday of the Royal Commission for Administrative Reform to review the committee's work and progress as well as recommendations it has formulated while studying civil service and its relative legislations.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the committee had conducted a probe into ways and means to upgrade and reform the administrative and legislative aspects of the government structure and its relevant institutions.

It has also studied regulations related to financial and public tender matters, Petra added.

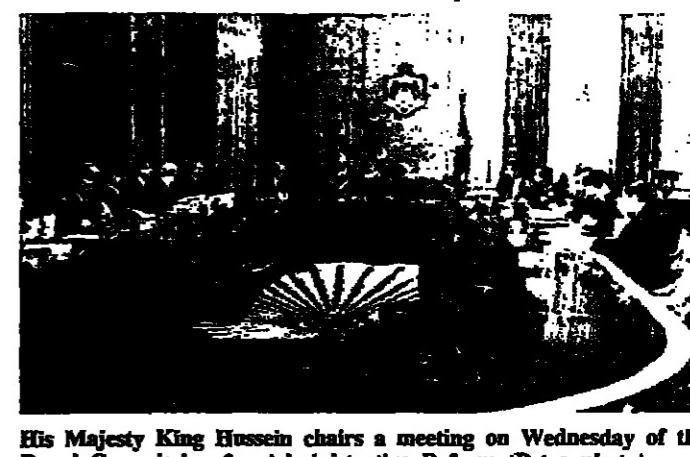
During the meeting Prime Minister Zaid Rifai presented a study prepared by the committee covering its work and recommendations to improve the performance of public administra-

tion as well as its socio-economic aspects.

Mr. Rifai stressed that the drive behind the sought reforms was warranted by recent developments in legislative and organisational matters relevant to the socio-economic changes on the local, regional and international levels during the past decades.

The meeting was attended by Royal Court Crier Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Royal Court Secretary General Bassam Al Saket as well as the committee members.

The commission's members are Finance Minister Hanna Odeh, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Hisham Al Khatib, Planning Minister Tamer Kanaan,



His Majesty King Hussein chairs a meeting on Wednesday of the Royal Commission for Administrative Reform (Petra photo)

Interior Minister Rajai Al Daiani, President of the Civil Service Bureau Ibrahim Izzeddine, the prime minister's economic advisor and Institute of Public Administration Director General Abdulla El Elyan.

## Tindemans offers efforts to launch Mideast talks

STRASBOURG (AP) — Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans of Belgium said Wednesday he was prepared to go to the Middle East to help lay the ground for an international peace conference.

Speaking as president of the European Community (EC), Mr. Tindemans said "I am ready to go to the region if I am asked" by the EC partners.

He reported to the European Parliament on a decision of the EC ministers last month to back the idea of an international conference on the Middle East.

He said the EC governments favoured such a conference under the auspices of the United Nations, but have not taken a decision on any procedural matters.

He said the PLO must participate in the talks.

Peace in the Middle East, he said, must be built on the right of all the states in the region to exist and on the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Tindemans said he did not intend to conduct "diplomatic tourism" but said he would go to

the Middle East "to find out in which areas an agreement is possible."

On a related topic, Mr. Tindemans said foreign ministers of Britain, Belgium and Denmark would soon meet with their counterparts from leading member countries of the Arab League to start a Euro-Arab dialogue.

He said the secretary general of the league "has just responded favourably to our proposal" to hold such talks.

In another development, a U.S. official said Tuesday U.S. envoy Richard W. Murphy might return to the Middle East for another assessment of prospects for Arab-Israeli peace talks.

The possibility of a trip is being discussed, but there are no definite plans," said the official, who demanded anonymity.

Mr. Murphy, assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, has been a frequent U.S. emissary to the Middle East. He was last in the region in mid-January, when he met with government leaders in Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

## JPA holds elections tomorrow

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — More than 180 Jordanian journalists go to the polls on Friday to elect a new Jordan Press Association (JPA) president and a nine-member council.

Ibrahim Sakkijha and Rakim Al Majali, two renowned journalists, are competing for the two-year presidency seat and 11 other journalists are running to fill six seats of the nine-seat council.

According to the 1983 JPA law, the nine-seat council is divided equally to accommodate three representatives of Jordan's three press foundations and journalists and editors coming from both the private and public sector.

Fayez Hamdan, Fakhr Al

Ibrahim Sakkijha

Hamdan and Hassan Al Tal have been nominated to fill the three seats earmarked for the three press foundations.

Running in the three seats allocated for the private sector editors are Abdulla Hamdan, Yousef Al Abi, Zuhdi Al Badri, Ahmad Hisban, Fakhr Al Nimri, Mohammad Said Midieh and Sulaiman Al Barwawi.

The three posts representing public sector editors are being sought by Marwan Al Shraideh, Mousa Al Azrai, Ahmad

Kohl sworn in for third term

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel's policy-making inner cabinet Wednesday discussed the Pollard spy affair and argued over the future of two Israelis said to have run the espionage operation in the United States.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres proposed to the 10-person forum that the resignation of the two officials was the only way to avoid further strains in ties with Washington, political sources said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir opposed forcing former spymaster Rafi Eitan, now head of Israel Chemicals, and Colonel Aviatic Sella, commander of Israel's second largest air base, to quit.

Israel Radio reported that Mr. Shamir, Mr. Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed that a parliamentary subcommittee headed by legislator Abba Eban that is investigating what Israeli leaders said was an unsanctioned spy operation.

Economic Planning Minister Gad Yaakobi

# Chad peace talks collapse

## Libyan troops, tanks reported still in Sudan

**KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)** — Sudanese-sponsored peace talks between Chad and Libya broke down on the first day and no date was set to resume them, a senior Chadian official said Wednesday.

At the same time, the official and a Khartoum newspaper reported that Libyan troops with 100 tanks remain in western Sudan, close to the border with Chad. The Sudanese government has said the only Libyan soldiers in Sudan were escorts for a relief convoy and that they were withdrawing.

The Chadian official, who was close to the peace talks held last Sunday, spoke to the Associated Press on condition his name be withheld.

He said the talks collapsed "in the very first session because the Libyan side came to the negotiating table with the concept of solving a problem between Chadians ... the Libyans were of the opinion that there is no problem between Libyans and Chad."

Civil war has raged in Chad for most of its 27-year history as an independent state. Libya has occupied parts of northern Chad for several years, claiming they constituted Libyan territory. It was reported to have annexed the area around Aozou, said to contain uranium deposits.

Despite Libyan denials, Col. Muammar Qadhafi's army also has been supporting Chad rebels

official said in explaining the deadlock. "Our sole big problem is Libya's occupation and its ambitions in our country."

He emphasised that no interim ceasefire had been arranged at Sunday's meeting.

"The Libyans want to gain time to tighten their grip on Chadian territories they occupy and also to prepare their forces to strike at us from Sudan," the official said.

He said that about 2,000 Libyan troops and 100 tanks had entered north western Sudan across their border on March 4 and headed toward Tine, on the frontier between Sudan and Chad. The tanks were carried on 50 flatbed trucks, he added.

Al Hassan Tajeddin, a member of the five-man state council that serves as Sudan's head of state, travelled to N'Djamena and Tripoli and was instrumental in arranging the talks, which he attended.

The Chadian official said his country was represented at the talks by Karom Ahmad, the state minister for foreign affairs, and Libya by Foreign Minister Jadallah Azziz Al Tahli, appointed in a cabinet shuffle on March 1.

"The Sudanese government could not put pressure on the Libyan side to admit that the real problem arises from the Libyan presence in Chad," the

territory and air space in their war efforts.

Khartoum's independent English-language newspaper Sudan Times on Wednesday quoted witnesses just returned to the capital from the western city of Al Fasher as saying the Libyan military was "very much in evidence" there and showed no signs of imminent departure.

"They were parading with Libyan insignia on their tanks and vehicles as they drove leisurely in and around the town," one witness was quoted as saying.

### Libya condemns France

Libya has condemned French President Francois Mitterrand for saying France planned to continue its aid to Chad, Libyan television reported.

"The People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison (Foreign Ministry) condemns this colonialist stance," said a statement carried by the television, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Mr. Mitterrand told a press lunch in Paris Tuesday that French aid to Chad was increasing every month and said a solution to the conflict in the central African state would depend primarily on military strength.

He also said his government was urging parties to the Chad conflict to stop using Sudanese

U.S. reportedly searching for more Israeli spies

**TEL AVIV (Agencies)** — U.S. authorities are conducting an intensive investigation to ferret out Israeli spying on the United States, the Davar newspaper said Wednesday.

A report from Washington, the newspaper said U.S. investigators believe Israeli agents decided to lie low immediately after the arrest in November 1985 of U.S. navy analyst Jonathan Pollard, now serving a life term for spying for Israel.

Davar said the agents' present inactivity was making it difficult for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to expose them.

The FBI was working on the assumption that Pollard was not an isolated case and Israeli intelligence authorities had succeeded in planting agents in highly sensitive U.S. government agencies, the newspaper said.

Davar is a respected daily affiliated with the Labour Party led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres has pledged that Israel will never again spy on the United States, its closest ally. Israeli leaders claimed Pollard was recruited behind their backs by a now-disbanded intelligence unit in the Defence Ministry.

In a speech in Jerusalem Tuesday night, President Chaim Herzog said in reference to the Pollard affair: "I trust that everything has been done that there can be no recurrence of such distressing events."

He told members of the U.S. Jewish organisation Haddash that Israel accepted responsibility for "grave mistakes" made in spying on the United States.

Hans Ekblom, a former marketing director for Bofors, was quoted by the daily as saying the company sent only explosives to Iran for which export licences had been granted, and denied sending military hardware.

Mr. Age is investigating charges of smuggling Bofors-built anti-aircraft missiles to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Iran between 1980s. A parliamentary committee is investigating the government's role in the affair.

## China again denies Iran arms sales

**PEKING (AP)** — China denied again Wednesday U.S. contentions that it supplies arms to Iran.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Yuzhen said at a weekly briefing that "the Chinese government's consistent position of providing no weapons to Iran is known to all."

The issue of American arms sales to Iran was discussed during a visit by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz last week.

Ma said Shultz, during talks with Chinese leaders, explained the U.S. political uproar involving secret arms sales to Iran directed from the White House.

Ma did not comment on any discussions concerning China's alleged arms deals with Iran.

Washington claims that China has become major supplier of weapons to Iran, with some arms being shipped through North Korea and other third countries.

On Tuesday, the Iranian embassy in Peking also issued a statement strongly denying any arms transactions between the two countries.

An embassy official noted Wednesday that Iran used primarily Western-type weapons, models completely different from those produced by China, in its more than six-year war against Iraq.

**Swedish arms deals with Iran may go back to 1970**

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)** — A prosecutor investigating Sweden's spreading arms smuggling scandal is investigating whether a top cabinet minister sanctioned secret shipments to Iran in the 1970s, media reports said Wednesday.

Prosecutor Stig Age was investigating charges that Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt, who was trade minister at the time, secretly approved illegal weapons exports by the Bofors AB company in exchange for Iranian oil, the national radio reported.

The radio and newspapers quoted an unidentified businessman who said he won Mr. Feldt's approval in 1973 to transport missiles, mines and cannons by truck to Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's Iran.

Mr. Feldt, the respected architect of Sweden's economic policy, rejected the allegations.

"If this concerns deals incompatible with Swedish laws, then I have not given my approval. This is so obvious. I have nothing more to say," Mr. Feldt told the Dagens Nyheter daily.

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## Chairman of U.S. joint chiefs visits Bahrain

**BAHRAIN (R)** — Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, had talks Wednesday with leaders in Bahrain which has ordered sophisticated American warplanes.

U.S. officials said Adm. Crowe — the top U.S. military commander who is visiting Gulf Arab states in the wake of the Iran arms sales scandal — met the emir, Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa.

Adm. Crowe earlier visited Saudi Arabia, where the official Saudi Press Agency said he had talks with the Defence Minister, Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz, on boosting military cooperation.

Adm. Crowe's meeting with Bahrain's emir was attended by Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa. He also met separately with Crown Prince and Defence Minister Sheikh Hamad Ibn Isa Al Khalifa, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency said.

## Turkish ambassadors start talks on move to join EC

**ANKARA (R)** — Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu began two days of talks with Turkey's ambassadors in the European Community (EC) Wednesday to discuss tactics for its planned application to join the 12-nation bloc.

State for Relations with the EC Ali Bozer the long-term development of ties with the bloc.

Officials said Mr. Halefoglu

would hear the envoys' views on how the EC members were expected to react to the Turkish application.

Giving the results of its own survey, the liberal daily Milliyet answered Wednesday under the headline: "EEC does not want us."

The issue has long preoccupied Turkish public opinion and is regarded as a test of Turkey's acceptance in the club of West European democracies following military rule between 1980 and 1983.

## School, cars damaged in Egyptian sectarian riots

**CAIRO (AP)** — "Foolish rumors" have semi Muslim fundamentalist students on the rampage, smashing car windows and damaging a secondary school building in Al Fayoum, 103 kilometres south of Cairo, the newspaper said without giving further details.

"Not a single student" of the arrested was able to verify the rumours during investigations conducted by six state security prosecuting attorneys, the newspaper said.

A government statement at the time said Muslim fundamentalists burned a church in each town after spreading "false rumours" that also said that Copts had set fire to a mosque in Sohag, 400 kilometres south of Cairo.

## Libyan leader accuses Hizbullah of terrorism

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi has attacked the Iranian-backed Shi'ite Muslim group Hizbullah and accused it of terrorism, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

"We support Hizbullah if it calls for martyrdom on Palestinian soil. But if Lebanon is the target, then this is terrorism," Col. Qadhafi told the daily newspaper *Al Ama*.

The paper, organ of the Moscow-oriented Lebanese Communist Party, said the Libyan leader made the remark in an interview Tuesday in Tripoli, Libya, with seven Arab journalists, including its correspondent.

Hizbullah, or Party of God, advocates the creation of an Islamic republic in Lebanon modelled after Khomeini's Iran.

"Jihad in Lebanon against whom?" Col. Qadhafi asked, using the Arabic word for holy war.

"He who is not a member of Hizbullah, is he a member of the party of Satan? This is terrorism and foolishness."

However, the Libyan leader declared support to holy war if it were targeted against Israel and the United States.

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### PROGRAMME ONE

21:00 News Summary  
21:25 Evening Show Contd.  
22:00 Events Show Contd.  
22:30 News Summary  
23:00 Childrens programmes  
23:30 Tom Sawyer  
24:00 Don Knotts Show

17:35 Local Health programme  
18:00 French Teaching programme  
18:30 Local contests programme  
19:30 News Review and varieties

20:00 News in Arabic  
20:30 Tomorrow's programmes

21:30 Varieties

22:00 News Summary in Arabic

22:30 Film contained

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### EXHIBITIONS

\* A fine arts exhibition by Egyptian artist Rifiq Razzaz at the Royal Cultural Centre (until March 15).

\* An art exhibition by a group of Jordanian plastic artists at the Jordan Plastic Artists Association.

\* An exhibition of oil paintings by Mrs. Houria Lankri at the Petra Bank Gallery — Wadi Sagra (until March 20)

#### CONCERT

\* A classical concert by the Yarmouk Orchestra at 6:00 p.m. Thursday at the Royal Cultural Centre.

#### FEATURE FILM

"Born Yesterday" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre.

#### CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre ... Tel. 6410267  
American Culture ... 647131  
Jordanian Cultural Library ... 641523  
British Council ... 6361478  
French Cultural Centre ... 637009  
Goethe Institute ... 641993  
Soviet Cultural Centre ... 642013  
Spanish Cultural Centre ... 620409  
Turkish Cultural Centre ... 639777  
Yafa Arts Centre ... 6615105  
Human Youth City ... 6618116  
Y.W.M.L.A. ... 641223  
Amanah Municipal Library ... 636111  
Univ. of Jordan Library ... 643555

#### MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

## FOR THE TRAVELLER

### QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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### ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

09:45 ... Amman (RA)  
09:50 ... Cairo (EJ)  
10:00 ... Tripoli (LN)  
10:30 ... Baghdad (IA)  
14:00 ... Bahrain, Doha (GF)  
15:30 ... Ankara, Istanbul (TK)  
16:45 ... Kuwait (KU)  
18:45 ... Riyadh (SV)  
20:00 ... San'a (LH)  
20:28 ... Cairo (MS)

### MONEY EXCHANGE

Wednesday rates  
Local sell/buy rates in fils

Belgian franc ..... 88/89  
Dutch guilder ..... 152/153  
French franc ..... 54/54  
Italian lira ..... 25.7/26  
Japanese yen (for 100) 220/6 223.2  
Swedish crown ..... 52.4/52.9  
Swiss franc ..... 217.1/219.5  
U.K. sterling pound ..... 358/363  
U.S. dollar ..... 339.3/342.1  
W. German mark ..... 182.4/184.6

### OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

09:45 ... Kuwait (KU)  
10:00 ... Baghdad (IA)  
10:30 ... Doha (GF)  
11:45 ... Bahrain (BZ)  
12:00 ... Istanbul, Ankara (TK)  
12:15 ... Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
12:45 ... Dhahran, Kuwait (RJ)  
13:15 ... Cairo (MS)  
13:30 ... Amsterdam, Damascus (KLM)  
14:10 ... Frankfurt (LH)  
14:30 ... Zurich, Larnaca (SR)  
14:45 ... London (BA)  
15:00 ... Brussels, Frankfurt (RJ)  
15:30 ... Paris, London (RJ)  
16:00 ... Berlin, Copenhagen (DA)  
16:30 ... Stockholm, Copenhagen (DA)  
17:00 ... Copenhagen, Stockholm (DA)

### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

It will be partly cloudy, with chances for scattered rain, especially in the northern part. Winds will be north-westerly moderate. In Amman, it will be hazy, with the appearance of medium and high clouds. Winds will be northerly moderate and calm sea.

## Crown Prince graduates special forces trainees

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday attended a ceremony for the graduation of a group of crack troops of the Public Security Forces who have just completed a 10-week special military training course.

During the ceremony, the graduates, who included officers from other Arab countries, presented a performance of their skills which included hand-to-hand fighting and mountain climbing.

At the end of the ceremony, Prince Hassan distributed diplomas and awards to the graduates. Among those attending were the military commander of the south-

ern regions of Jordan, commander of the special forces corps and other senior officers.

### Visit to Qweira

After the ceremony, Prince Hassan called at Qweira district and met with representatives of the bedouin people who welcomed the Prince and pledged their total allegiance to the Hashemite throne.

Prince Hassan heard requests presented by the bedouin tribes and their views on developing their society.

The Aqaba district governor and other officials were present at the meeting.

## Security forces round up 4-member gang of thieves

AMMAN (Petra) — Security forces in Wadi Seer, west of Amman, have apprehended a four-member gang of thieves specialised in robbing schools and supermarkets and have seized goods found in the thieves' homes.

Lieutenant Sa'id Jamil Al Ajrami, director of the Wadi Seer security station, said that the four thieves admitted breaking and entering schools and supermarkets in Umm Al Summaq, Tabarour, Jawa, Rajib, Sahab Al Mansoura and Khulda in the Amman and Madaba districts where they stole cash from the schools' canteens and television sets, scented cameras and carpets from stores.

He said that on March 9, a member of the public tipped off

the police with information about one of the gang members, Odeh Awwad Al Nu'man from Umm Al Summaq, aged 38. Odeh was immediately placed under surveillance and a policeman posing as a thief succeeded in making contacts with him to plan a robbery, Lt. Ajrami said. He said that the two agreed to rob a school in Mahees, but the robber was caught red-handed and informed on the other members of the gang. The police then went to their homes where they found the stolen goods.

The other members of the gang were: 24-year old Yassin Hijazi, 36-year old Hassan Abu Ghaniem and Mohammad Ismail Ramadan — all unemployed.

## U.S. women's delegation begins 4-day visit to Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing the Friendship Among Women (FAW) organisation in the United States arrived in Amman Wednesday on a four-day visit to Jordan during which they will familiarise themselves with the work and activities of Jordanian women's unions.

The 15-member group first visited the Noor Al Hussein Foundation and were briefed on its activities in promoting the role of Jordanian women, especially those in rural regions of Jordan. Later, they visited Baqaa refugee camp and inspected activities supervised by the Young Women's Christian Association which runs workshops for training young women in different handicrafts.

The delegation members also visited the archaeological town of Jerash and were briefed on its historical background.

The FAW is a non-profit organisation established to promote

cultural exchange and understanding among women leaders of the world. Founded in Minnesota in 1970, the FAW is distinguished by the diversity of its members who represent every region of the United States and a variety of professional backgrounds. The organisation is an autonomous and financially self-supported group which receives briefings and assistance from the U.S. State Department. Its members have travelled extensively in Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Latin America.

The information and experience that the members obtain is communicated to professional and civic organisations in the United States as the FAW believes this would further the general objective of promoting cultural appreciation and peaceful co-existence among peoples of the world.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### More cement heads for Egypt

AMMAN (Petra) — A fifth vessel loaded with 36,000 tonnes of Jordanian cement Wednesday left Aqaba port for Egypt. A sixth ship is presently docked at Aqaba port to be loaded with Jordanian cement for Egypt. This brings to 140,000 tonnes the quantities of cement which have been exported to Egypt. Last month Jordan and Egypt reached agreement on increasing the shipments of Jordanian cement to one million tonnes annually, up from 750,000.

### Medics examine workers' health in Aqaba

AQABA (Petra) — A specialised medical team from the health department in Aqaba district governorate has started conducting a comprehensive health survey of workers employed at the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC), the Arab Potash Company and the Jordan Fertilisers Industry Company. The survey, to be conducted with the aid of modern specialised equipment, will examine the effects of dusts and chemicals on employees' health. Based on the results, the necessary public health and safety conditions will be provided.

### Transport company reviews activities

AMMAN (Petra) — The board of directors of the Iraqi-Jordanian Land Transport Company held a meeting on Wednesday during which members discussed the company's activities, an operation plan for this year as well as means of boosting the company's efficiency. The meeting was chaired by Ministry of Public Works Under Secretary Mu'taz Al Bilbeisi who is the chairman of the company's board of directors. It was attended by the company's vice-chairman of the board Ghassan Radwan who is the under secretary of the Iraqi Transport Ministry.

### First phase of Ramtha stadium completed

RAMTHA (Petra) — Ramtha Municipality on Wednesday took delivery of the first phase of a sports stadium which cost JD 220,000 to build, according to Ramtha Mayor Salim Qatish. He said that the second phase of the project entails building external and inner walls around the stadium which seats 10,000 spectators.

### Army builds monument in Mafraq

MAFRAG (Petra) — The Jordan Armed Forces in cooperation with Mafraq Municipality is currently building a monument near the northern entrance of Mafraq city. The project, financed and supervised by the Armed Forces, will be completed during this year.

### Ministry organises tyre symposium

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources will organise a scientific symposium on the radial tyres' role in rationalisation of energy consumption early in April. Delivering lectures about radial tyres and their advantages, and basic information on tyres, will be a number of foreign experts and specialists.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan bids farewell to members of a Jordanian medical team which left for relief work in Sudan on Wednesday (Petra photo)

## Kanaan briefs Scottish team on 5-year plan

AMMAN (Petra) — A visiting delegation from the Scottish development agency on Wednesday held talks with Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan who presented a detailed briefing on Jordan's 1986-1990 five-year plan and the projects which have been given priority for implementation. Dr. Kanaan also spoke about incentives and privileges offered to investors and said the door is open for joint ventures.

A spokesman for the delegation said that his country was ready to offer expertise in industry, tourism and agriculture and also investment services. He underlined the importance of setting up industries for the manufacture of export-oriented products in view of Jordan's central location in the Arab World.

On Tuesday, members of the Scottish delegation met with Mr. Hamdi Al Tabbaa, president of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC).

The two sides discussed prospects of cooperation between Jordan and Scotland and means by which Jordan could benefit from Scotland's advanced technology.

The Jordanian side expressed willingness to cooperate with Scottish businesses in carrying out joint ventures in food industries, technological schemes and the petrochemical sector. Mr. Tabbaa said that Jordan could cooperate with countries in the Gulf region and with Scotland in the production of petrochemical products. He also promised that the JFCC would prepare a list of projects which Jordan and Scotland could cooperate in implementing and that the federal government would also outline how Jordan could benefit from Scotland's experience.

The talks held during a meeting of the company's board of direc-

## Ministry team to advise school pupils on vocational studies

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education has prepared a plan, offering a choice of study in eight different vocational subjects to students of third preparatory schools in the Kingdom, and a team from the ministry will soon be touring schools to explain these courses of study and to help students select the most suitable subjects. Dr. Atwan added.

He said that in the industrial stream, the students can study auto mechanics, blacksmithing, welding, central heating, plumbing, plastering, upholstery, electricity, radio and television and telecommunications.

In the administrative and commercial stream, students can take courses in office work, typing, filing and other related subjects, and in the agricultural field students can enrol at schools in Shobak, Rabbeh, Kufr Yoba, Maaddi or Ajloun.

Journalists tour joint project to combat desertification

AMMAN (Petra) — Local and foreign journalists Wednesday were taken on a tour of a project for the development of semi-arid regions at Muwaqqat, south east of Amman, and were briefed on the work being carried out there.

Dr. Mahmoud Al Dweiri, dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan, said that the project is being carried out between the university and the European Community on 2,000 dunums of land which was dedicated to find means of improving soil fertility, preventing erosion and improving crop production. The project also deals with desertification by planting certain types of plants and creating pasture zones. Dr. Dweiri said.

### Free zone board discusses investments

DEREA (Petra) — Jordan and Syria held talks on Wednesday near the border town of Deraa to discuss issues related to investments and the progress of the Jordanian-Syrian industrial free zone company.

The talks held during a meeting of the company's board of direc-

tors under the chairmanship of Audit Bureau Chief Hashem Al Dabbas in the presence of Syrian Assistant Minister of Supply and Domestic Trade Ahmad Al Dabbas, who is also the company's vice-chairman of the board of directors, and the director general Abdul Rahman Salameh.

presented an outline on the diagnosis of drug addiction and the best medical means to rehabilitate addicts of alcohol and narcotics. Dr. Abu Zinad explained that classified data about the reasons behind drug addiction and the type of narcotics used in a case should be evaluated in order to make the rehabilitation process a success.

A number of concerned officials and prominent experts on drugs and their socio-economic impact on society presented working papers on the present drugs law as well as the projected draft amendments to the legislation, the reasons behind drug addiction and its impact on society.

The focus of Wednesday's session, which was moderated by lawyer Tawfiq Saleem, touched on the Islamic ruling (Shari'a) on narcotics as well as the types of drugs, their medical applications and authorities' control over their circulation.

In his working paper, the General Mufti of Jordan Sheikh Ezziddin Khatib, emphasised the need to take into account the Islamic faith in drawing up any preventative schemes to curb drug addiction. He said that the Islamic deen and faith, which shun the use of all intoxicants (including drugs and alcohol), should be the basis in any projected plan aimed at curbing drug addiction and trafficking.

Sheikh Khatib made a chronological review of the use of alcohol and drugs in the pre-Islamic ages and how all hallucinogens were gradually shunned since the advent of Islam. He stressed the importance of launching a public awareness campaign to draw the public attention to the negative effects resulting from the use of drugs.

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A large number of people

## Jordan's aid programme in Sudan to continue, Prince Hassan says

More doctors, technicians leave with relief supplies for victims of drought and famine

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Wednesday that Jordan will continue to implement its aid programme in Sudan, especially in the sectors of health, irrigation and agriculture.

He made the statement upon seeing off another Jordanian medical mission which left for Sudan to continue Jordan's programme of assistance. The mission groups 10 doctors, 10 male nurses and technicians and their plane took off with seven tonnes of medical supplies and five tonnes of food supplies for the relief of people affected by drought and famine in Sudan.

water in underground regions and attention will now be directed towards exploiting this water for farming in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank and other Arab and Islamic institutions, Prince Hassan said.

He said that once final assessments on the water situation has been made plans for its exploitation will go ahead.

Prince Hassan said, that apart from carrying out medical aid, Jordan has made plans for building irrigation networks to encourage the Sudanese people to carry out agricultural projects. Recent surveys have shown the availability of 3.5 million cubic metres

water in underground regions and attention will now be directed towards exploiting this water for farming in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank and other Arab and Islamic institutions, Prince Hassan said.

Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh left for Khartoum on Wednesday to take part in the Arab Health Ministers Council meetings, due to open in the Sudanese capital on Saturday.

Dr. Hamzeh said he would also be visiting health centres set up by Jordanian medical teams that have been providing medical assistance to Sudan and that he would also hold talks with Sudanese officials on means of stepping up bilateral cooperation in health affairs.

Dr. Hamzeh said that the council's executive committee will meet before the scheduled meeting of the ministers in order to review the implementation of a number of earlier resolutions passed by the council and to work out an agenda for the ministers meeting.

### Jordan gets Canadian help

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and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Mr. Towe explained that at his return, Mr. Clark expressed the need to strengthen relations with Jordan, and as a result, "PCIA" was ready to respond quickly."

Despite Canada's large budget deficit, Mr. Towe, a former diplomat, said his country believes that such projects "are in the best interest of world peace and stability."

This is the first such development aid programme with Jordan.

An NRA press release said the Canadian company would be carrying out a 6000-kilometre seismic survey and processing 8000 kilometres of existing seismic data.

Mr. Towe said that the project came as a direct result of a visit last year by Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, and his talks with His Majesty King Hussein

— in the sense that achievements are more tangible and longer lasting."

The UNESCO envoy is currently on a fact-finding tour of the region to investigate the conditions of cultural and educational institutions in the occupied Arab territory.

Mr. Bonnet later met with Dr. Mohammad Dugheim, the secretary general of the Amman-based Association of Arab Universities. Dr. Dugheim outlined Israel's arbitrary measures against universities in the occupied Arab lands and said the detention of university professors and school teachers by Israel was a bid to impede the education process in the Arab territory.

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## Students step into Palestinian leadership vacuum

By Allyn Fisher  
The Associated Press

BIRZEIT, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Politics, not partying or sports, is the main extra-curricular activity at Birzeit University, where students strive to fill a leadership vacuum in the Palestinian movement for freedom from Israeli occupation.

"Politics is the sport of Palestinians," Birzeit spokesman Albert Alghazarian said in an interview on the hilltop campus.

The absence of political leadership in the occupied territories has brought students at Birzeit, four other major universities and some high schools to the forefront of anti-Israel activity.

Israel has deported some key Palestinian activists and placed others under close surveillance to gradually break up the leadership base in the territories it occupied in 1967.

Many of the new student leaders, and about a third of the 15,000 Palestinian students in the territories, grew up in refugee camps, university officials say. They are more openly anti-Israel than their predecessors.

Palestinian leadership "has moved from the coffee houses of higher society to the youth centres," including universities, Alghazarian said. "There is no longer a pyramid of power out here, but a new generation of grassroots leaders."

Campus militancy has grown in recent weeks, bringing a wave of protests in which four Palestinians have been killed and more

than 35 Israelis and Arabs wounded since December.

A dozen Palestinian colleges and universities were closed for up to three weeks to quell the unrest, and Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin threatened to shut the schools permanently if violent anti-Israeli protests persisted.

Birzeit, like most other Palestinian universities, is funded by donations from Palestinians in Arab and Western countries and grants from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

The illegal red, black and green Palestinian flag hangs by a window of the crowded student government room. A photograph of

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is on the wall.

Many of the university's 2,400 students discuss Palestinian politics almost constantly — over lunch, between classes.

"The feeling of the Palestinian people under attack is a prevailing one here. It's the Palestinian ethos. They feel attack from all sides, Israel, Arabs and the West," Alghazarian said.

Israeli officials accuse the PLO of paying students to incite violence. Students deny the claim, and say their protests are spontaneous outbursts against Israel's protracted military occupation of the territories that are home to

1.4 million Palestinians and about 60,000 illegal Israeli settlers.

"Every Palestinian student has a duty to struggle for the Palestinian nation," said Ismail Abdul Karim, 26, a fourth-year history student from the Farah refugee camp near the West Bank city of Nablus.

Another Palestinian refugee from Gaza, engineering student Ismail Musa, 24, asked a reporter: "What would an American student do in my place? If his land was occupied by a foreign people, would he just sit around and study all day? We can't live a normal life."

Musa said his dream was to return to Israel's coastal city of Jaffa where his parents lived before they fled Israeli atrocities in 1948.

Musa's parents boarded a boat and drifted about 80 kilometres down the coast to Gaza, one of the world's most densely populated refugee slums where more than 600,000 Palestinians live.

"My parents said they were chased by gunfire. I think that explains my feelings" toward Israel, Musa said.

Musa's friend, Imad Ekaib Sa'ed, 24, also a history student from the West Bank town of Tulkarem, said periodic army closures of the campus following

protests has delayed his graduation by a year.

"That's part of our life as Palestinians. We are used to living abnormally," Sa'ed said. As a high school student, Sa'ed spent five months in jail for stoning Israeli troops and burning tyres in demonstration.

Like many students, Sa'ed has frequently been stopped by soldiers on routine patrols on his way to classes.

Birzeit spokesman Alghazarian said classes were halted 36 times in the last year by military roadblocks that prevented students from reaching campus.

Occupation officials say the checkpoints were to prevent students from going on campus when anti-Israeli demonstrations were planned. Students argue that the soldiers' presence inflames the atmosphere and turns otherwise peaceful protests into violence.

Peer pressure to become involved in the protests is very strong. Inactive students, who tend to be those from upper class backgrounds, are jeered.

Students say a tell-tale sign of an inactive student is someone dressed in high-fashion clothing, which protesters usually don't wear.

Sohair Alami, 20, from Gaza, dressed in tight black jeans and high heels, blushed when a group of students pointed to her as an example.

"Me? I don't like politics very much. I don't get involved all the time. But I like Abu-Amar," Ms. Alami said, using the popular name for Arafat.

### New stride in education

HIS Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's recent tours of schools and his meetings with educationalists around the Kingdom represent a further evidence of this country's and its leadership's growing concern about our educational system. The subject of education is one of the most important subjects that Jordanians can discuss and tackle, and as such His Royal Highness's concern and activities have to be viewed with much attention and appreciation.

Over the past four decades Jordan has made vast strides towards meeting the basic educational needs of the public, and the Ministry of Education has opened schools in practically every town and village. Observers of the educational development in the Kingdom over the past years must have monitored the gradual growth in the number of students at schools, community colleges and at universities; and the fact that one-third of the Kingdom's present inhabitants are students reflects the desire for learning at all levels. One cannot deny the fact that previous governments had concentrated on the process of spreading education to the largest possible sector of the population, because this was the pressing need of the moment. But they also must have failed in their duty to improve the quality of education in the proper sense of the word. It is true that a number of vocational schools were opened, but those in the 1960s and the 1970s were barely sufficient to meet the labour market's needs of skilled manpower to shoulder the process of industrial and agricultural development. Lack of proper planning for the future of thousands of school leavers and failure by the concerned authorities to undertake measures for directing school leavers towards vocational training in industrial and agricultural fields were perhaps the underlying causes of the present day problems which Jordan is now confronting.

On his tours of schools, the Crown Prince met with teachers and students, and heard the views of educationalists on methods and ways for improvement, a task which should have been undertaken by educational authorities a long time ago, so as to avert complications and mounting problems. Prince Hassan's call for rationalising investment in education, for self-assessment and for giving priority to quality over quantity should form proper guidelines for the present Ministry of Education which is now faced with a deluge of school leavers who lack the skill for industrial and agricultural projects and cannot be absorbed by community colleges and universities which for their part turn out large numbers of graduates whose working prospects are becoming grimmer by the day.

Apart from touring schools and meeting with teachers and educationalists His Royal Highness's concern over the situation in education is manifest in his supervision of the work of a special team entrusted with drawing up a new educational policy for the Kingdom. Let us hope that this team and Crown Prince Hassan's relentless endeavours will finally bear fruit and render a much needed service for our country.

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#### Al Ra'i: Educational reforms

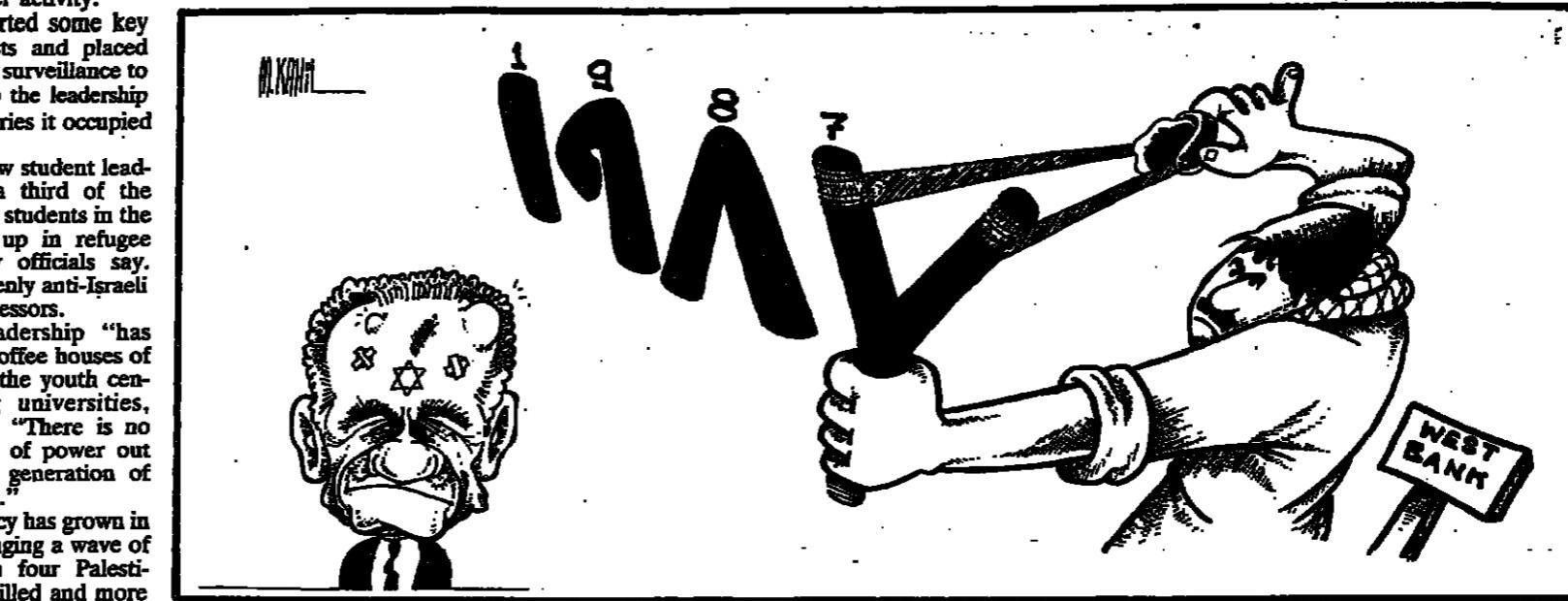
AN observer of Jordan's educational march over the past four decades must have noticed the great strides made in education and the advances achieved in areas related to education at all levels. The improvement of the educational process was coupled with a huge increase in the number of students at school, community college and university level studying here or abroad. But the process of education in the country needs to be revised now and then if the country is to cope with the developments in education in advanced nations. For this reason, Prince Hassan who made inspection tours of schools in Balqa and other areas of the country has been calling for an improvement of the quality of education in Jordan and giving more attention to quality rather than quantity. He also called for a self reassessment of the process of education with a view to introducing measures leading to actual improvement in the process of training the young generation and also for rationalising investment in education. This call ought to receive quick response from educationalists and teachers alike and his call for an open discussion involving teachers should be heeded because it is they who know about the problems and they can help lay a framework for a solution.

#### Al Dustour: Zionists pressure U.S.

AS soon as the United States administration announced its intention to sell tanks and rockets to Saudi Arabia the Zionist lobby in the United States moved to abort the deal, claiming that the weapons would be used against Israel. This attitude by the Zionist lobby reflects Israel's character and also Tel Aviv's determination to make the United States see that its interests can be safeguarded only by Israel and through the Zionist movement in the Middle East region. With this in mind the Israelis are trying hard to prevent any other state in the region from obtaining arms from the United States and at the same time acquiring the most sophisticated weapons for the state of Israel so that it can pursue its aggressive policies in the Arab region. The United States has in the past responded favourably to Israel's blackmail attempts and deprived Arab countries of weapons with which they could defend themselves. The U.S. administration has encouraged Israel to adopt this policy everytime the White House announced its intention to sell arms to the Arabs. This time Israel is trying again to abort arms deals with the Arabs despite the scandals it was involved in the past few weeks. We would not be surprised at all if the arms deal with Saudi Arabia was aborted because it proves once again the power the Zionist movement has over the U.S. administration.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Golan Heights erupt

THE Syrian Golan Heights, like all other parts of Arab land occupied by Israel has been witnessing a resurgence of resistance activity. The villages and the towns of the Golan have been rising in a body against the continued presence of Israel in their land, like the towns and villages of southern Lebanon and those in occupied Palestine. In the Golan, the indigenous population went a step further, refusing to receive the Israeli identity cards issued to the Arab people and preventing the Israeli troops from entering their villages, while a general strike continues in protest against Israel's atrocities. The Golan has been occupied for the past 20 years, but the Israelis have to date failed in their attempt to change its Arab character despite the numerous settlements and colonies planted in the territory. The Arab people of the Golan are now fully involved in heroic resistance activity designed to preserve the territory's Arab identity and abort Israel's designs and plans in the Arab region.



### Sudanese leader faces dilemma over Sharia law

By Hanifa Hendawi  
Reuter

KHARTOUM — Sudanese leader Sadiq Al Mahdi faces a dilemma over what to do about Islamic Sharia laws, most contentious of the legacies left by President Jaafar Numeiri who was ousted in 1985.

A great grandson and political heir of the messianic 19th-century leader Imam Mahdi, the prime minister has pledged to repeat, amend or replace the laws introduced three-and-a-half years ago by Numeiri.

The diplomats said Mahdi eventually is likely to produce a moderate Sharia code exempting Sudan's non-Muslims from Islamic punishments and setting tough conditions for their application to Muslims.

"Even such a compromise is likely to trigger protests by Muslim radicals and fall short of meeting demands by the southern rebels," one diplomat said.

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### NATO allies in two minds over superpower missile plan

By Patrick Worsnip  
Reuter

LONDON — The West European NATO allies are of necessity supporting a deal taking shape between the superpowers to abolish Soviet and U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, but some of them are in two minds about it.

The Europeans have little choice but to back the so-called "zero option" — the elimination of all Soviet SS-20 and U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles on the continent — which they endorsed when President Ronald Reagan first proposed it in 1981.

The option, which at that time looked like pipe-dream, suddenly became a real prospect when it was agreed by Moscow and Washington at the Reykjavik superpower summit last October. A NATO meeting two months later again "fully supported" the plan.

But now that the Americans and Soviets are going full steam ahead on a medium-range treaty, voices are being raised in major West European countries asking whether it is wise to do away with the bulk of NATO's nuclear forces on the continent.

The Soviets removed the main obstacle to an intermediate nuclear forces (INF) agreement by dropping last month their insistence on making it part of a package deal which would also have blocked Reagan's "Star Wars" anti-missile project.

U.S. and Soviet negotiators resumed talks in Geneva on Tuesday on the INF plan, which would also reduce their medium-range forces held outside Europe to 100 warheads per side.

Aside from alliance solidarity, the proposed treaty has clear political attractions for NATO's European states, especially West Germany, Britain, Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands, where the cruises and Pershings are being deployed.

These countries' governments faced strong opposition at home when they agreed to host the U.S. missiles, but can now tell their critics that their firm policy has brought Moscow to the negotiating table and dealt with the SS-20 threat.

But generals, conservative commentators and some politicians say the deal has military drawbacks for the West, which they say will be left exposed to Warsaw pact superiority in short-range missiles and conventional forces.

The Soviet Union is several times stronger than NATO in missiles which fall short of the INF bracket but can still travel up to 900 kilometres — enough to hit most West European NATO member states.

Dispensing with European-based missiles that can hit the Soviet Union will weaken alliance strategy and could be tantamount to ending the U.S. commitment to the nuclear defence of Europe, critics argue.

The dilemma is acute for West Germany, which as a likely battlefield in a future East-West conflict is bound to welcome disarmament measures but at the same time is exposed to all Moscow's short-range weapons.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich

Genscher, a supporter of the zero option, has noted that Moscow has now taken up a Western demand.

"It would be absurd if the West were to turn down its

# Kuwait: An exemplary aid donor to Third World

By Rory Channing  
Reuters

**KUWAIT**—Kuwait, which used its oil wealth to become a leading donor of aid to the Third World, has been forced to cut back on once substantial handouts.

Lower oil prices and state budget cuts are partly to blame, but so are problems faced by aid beneficiaries in putting together development projects.

Damaged grain silos bear witness to the last project funded by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) in Lebanon, before it halted aid in 1986.

"To implement any project, to study a project in that country, there has to be stability. What is the use of starting something today and tomorrow it is destroyed?" said KFAED Director

General Badr Al Homaidi. The fund is, however, moving to ease the flow of funds for some countries while helping the Kuwaiti economy by using local products and services in foreign projects, Homaidi said.

For the Gulf Arab emirate of 1.7 million people, which gained independence from Britain in 1961, aid has evolved as a key foreign policy tool to forge friendly ties around the globe.

Latest figures from the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) ranked Kuwait as the most generous donor of official development aid in 1985.

But the 2.72 per cent of gross national product (GNP) Kuwait spent on aid, a larger share than any other donor nation, is far below the record 4.39 per cent ratio in 1982, when national con-

fers were flush with petrodollars.

On the political front, Kuwait has given big sums to the frontline states in the Arab struggle against Israel—Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), as well as giving heavy financial backing to Iraq in its 6½ year-long war against Iran.

The KFAED, however, is strictly limited to project and infrastructure development and is believed to account for over half the country's total aid.

Started 25 years ago this month, it was the first development aid agency set up by an Arab or Third World country and, despite its name, has pumped funds into projects as far afield and diverse crop drainage in Vietnam and cattle ranching in Uganda.

It extends concessionary loans at interest rates of 0.5 to 6.0 per cent, repayable over periods of up to 50 years.

By the end of 1986, it had committed 1.4 billion dinars (\$4.75 billion) in aid to 66 countries, half for Arab states, almost one-third for Asia and nearly one-fifth for Africa.

With the oil boom over, its annual outlays crashed 75 per cent over three years from a peak 225 million dinars (\$810 million) in 1981-82, but rebounded again last year to around to \$320 million.

"I can say for sure, with the internal resources we have we can sustain aid for the next four or five years at the level of the past year," Homaidi told Reuters.

Meantime, in an important new policy shift, the KFAED has started to relax borrowing criteria

for some countries whose budgetary and economic hardship prevent them meeting terms laid down in the past.

The changes also include a bid to help Kuwait's oil-reliant economy which economists say shrank about eight per cent in real terms, accounting for inflation, in 1985 and double that last year.

He noted that Nicaragua was blacklisted when it voted against a 1984 Kuwaiti proposal to the U.N. Security Council condemning attacks on Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian vessels in the Gulf in the "tanker war" offshoot of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Wherever possible local products such as oil—which Homaidi says can be a "huge component"—or electrical equipment, and service industries like contracting, are now given a part in projects funded by KFAED.

"We think we are obliged to do it nowadays because of the recession in Kuwait... We have to try to help the economy. But at the same time not affect the quality of the aid," he said.

In theory, KFAED extends Third World project assistance without strings. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah has said, however, such aid was governed by attitudes of recipients on Arab and especially Kuwaiti issues.

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Kuwait cut off KFAED loans to Egypt after Cairo's 1979 separate peace treaty with Israel, but has since resumed aid. As an example to other African states, it added Liberia to the boycott list when it restored ties with Israel in 1984.

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## 'The weak made weaker'

TAREQ and Nadia are both civil servants. This young couple is expecting a baby in May. They have decided to send for a foreign helper who is due in Amman any time this month. Nadia can't quit her job because the salary of her husband would not be enough for the three of them. After calculating carefully her salary and the cost of bringing a foreign helper to take care of the baby they decided to have the helper.

But since Tareq and Nadia took their decision and sent for the helper, they suffered two setbacks. One cabinet decision reduced their combined income by 30 per cent, equivalent to JD 75 and a Ministry of Labour decision raised the fee for their expected helper's work permit to JD 150 from JD 50.

There are thousands of Tareqs and Nadias in Jordan who suffered badly from these two decisions. A high ranking official justifying these decisions asserted that those measures were taken because "women are better off at home taking care of their children." When I heard the remark I felt choked with rage. Aren't women more productive for the country when they work as lawyers, teachers, or in business and so on? Are we going back to the Middle Ages? In fact what made Jordan so special in the Arab World, was its progressive policies towards women. Jordanian women have achieved their rights to vote, to work, and to take responsible posts in the country.

Surely the government's need for more funds does not justify these additional taxes, and the social problem that it will create, especially among the "weaker sex."

## Jailed Red Army Faction guerrilla hopes to return to normal life

In the 1960s and 1970s, leftist Red Army Faction guerrillas went to war against the establishment and the U.S. military in West Germany. Christof Wackernagel was one of them and he is now in prison. In an interview, he recently told an Associated Press correspondent he regretted the route he had chosen back then.

By Susan J. Smith  
The Associated Press

BOCHUM, West Germany — Christof Wackernagel did not start out as a guerrilla. Before he joined West Germany's Red Army Faction and got into a shootout with police, he had been a promising young movie actor.

Now 35 years old with a decade of prison behind him, Wackernagel hopes West Germany will allow him and other convicted guerrillas to re-enter the society they once attacked.

While a prisoner, Wackernagel disassociated himself from the Red Army Faction in 1984 and said it should give up its violent attacks on West Germany and U.S. military, industrial and political targets.

"I am not only that man," Wackernagel insists, referring to his image as a former most-wanted guerrilla.

"I am an actor, I am a printing press, I have written books. I am not only him," he said in an interview with the Associated Press.

In 1980, a Dusseldorf court convicted Wackernagel of membership in the Red Army Faction and of attempted murder in a 1977 shootout with police in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison, with credit granted for the three years he spent in custody awaiting trial.

Last September, West German authorities allowed him to leave prison for up to 15 hours a day to work as an assistant director at the Bochum City Theatre. The work is an extension of his early acting success.

Starting at age 15, Wackernagel had major roles in West German films including *Die Taetowierung* (*Tattooing*) and *engelchen*, (*Little Angel*), and also appeared in several made-for-television movies.

They started to read the works of Karl Marx, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin and others "on which our fight was allegedly based," he said. "The more we read, the more difficult it became to justify our armed struggle. It just didn't work."

In 1984, Wackernagel and Schneider wrote to newspapers saying the Red Army Faction should stop its violence and seek an amnesty for convicted members. The results disappointed them.

"On the one side, we were called deserters (by the Red Army Faction)," he said. "On the other side, even people who had been leftist sympathizers in the 1960s and 1970s did not want to talk about an amnesty."

Wackernagel said he had detected little effort at understanding by either the guerrillas or society. He maintained that if such rigidity continues, so will the cycles of violence and harsh sentences.

In November, Wackernagel will have served two-thirds of his sentence, making him eligible for release.

While in jail, he has published two books of short stories that sold well. He is working on a third volume, and plans to continue acting.

The Red Army Faction had its roots in those protests.

The founders got started by setting a fire in a Frankfurt department store in 1968 and went on to bomb businesses, rob banks, kill U.S. soldiers and kidnap and kill prominent members of the West German establishment.

In the early 1970s, Wackernagel moved into a Stuttgart commune and set up an alternative

## Deranged homeless roam Washington streets

By David Brough  
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Thousands of mentally ill people roam the streets of Washington, some lured to the capital and the White House gates in hopes of discussing a grievance with the president, welfare officials say.

Several virtually camp out in Lafayette park across from the U.S. executive mansion — although police have been enforcing anti-loitering laws more strictly of late — and one woman is said to have slept there for the past five years.

Welfare officials estimate the Washington area's derelict population ranges from 5,000 to 15,000 at any given time and that at least half are mentally ill.

The problem afflicts many U.S. cities, although Washington gets most of the publicity, and mental health experts date much of it to the 1970s when courts placed strict limitations on involuntary commitments to mental institutions.

Now, the mentally ill in many U.S. states cannot be confined for treatment against their will unless they are suicidal, threaten others or are in dire medical danger.

The result, some social workers say, is an overflow of deranged "street people" who must look after themselves.

The government and charities provide some day care and overnight shelters, but critics say it is not nearly enough.

There are some very good programmes around, but across the spectrum of problems we haven't even approached beginning to deal with the complex issue of the mentally ill homeless," said Jim Hillman, director of shelter and food services of Catholic Charities in the Washington area.

The Democrats have repeatedly accused Reagan and his republican administration of being in-



sensitive to the plight of the poor in general, and showing this in their continuing drive to cut spending on social welfare programmes.

Reagan rejects this, saying he has always provided enough funds to maintain a "social safety net" for the needy, but the high visibility of shabby derelicts in central Washington keeps them from the homeless issue in the limelight.

A 1986 television film dramatised the efforts of Washington's best known crusader for the homeless, Nita Snyder, who once forced Reagan to release federal funds for a public shelter by going on hunger strike.

Celebrities including the star of that film, Martin Sheen, and members of Congress recently

spent a night on the streets to publicise their appeal for more federal funds for shelters.

Two days later the House of Representatives passed a bill proposing an extra \$7.5 million be spent to feed, house and provide medical care for homeless across the country.

Reagan says the mentally ill homeless often resist help because they fear it is a trick to put them back in custody.

"In many instances, having walked away from an institution, they turn away from any efforts of help because they feel that it might get them back institutionalised," he said in a news conference last year.

Snyder is Reagan's sternest critic on the issue of government aid

for the homeless, but he makes a similar point. He told Reuters: "Many lose their lives in the cold weather, rather than go to hospital."

In Washington, shelters are run by welfare groups such as the Catholic Charities and Snyder's Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV).

Many of those who use the shelters suffer from alcoholism, drug addiction or both, as well as psychotic illness, and cannot support themselves.

"The trauma and stress people live with on the street is itself a form of mental illness," said the Reverend Jack Pfannenstein, who has run shelters for Catholic Charities.

Many wander streets by day, rummaging through dustbins and begging, spend cold nights stretched on kerbside steam-grates or huddled in blankets outside underground train stops, to catch the warmth from the escalator motors.

Pfannenstein says some paranoid street people come to Washington because it is the home of the Central Intelligence Agency. They believe agents have been following them and they want to find out why.

"They want to see the president because (they think) he's in charge of the CIA," he told Reuters.

There would also be a decline in the labour force, with fewer workers having to support a growing number of old people.

According to government statistics, the average family size has fallen from slightly more than six children in the late 1950s to the present 1.5.

Announcing the new policy, first deputy prime minister Goh Chok Tong said it was not intended, as some had suggested, to ensure Chinese demographic and political dominance. It was aimed at all who were "under-performing" in reproductive terms, he said.

"It's because large numbers of people remain unmarried and the better educated ones who are married have fewer than two children, that the fertility rate for the population is one the decline."

He said the move towards a three-child family was "so that those who are married can make up for those who are not, or who are under-producing."

"Some people in their late twenties and early thirties say they have got too used to the idea of having small families to change now. In effect, they fear a change in their lifestyle."

A career woman with an 11-month-old son said: "There's no way they can make me have another one."

## The miniskirt makes a comeback in Milan show

By Daniela Petroff  
The Associated Press

MILAN, Italy — The winter of 1987-88 promises to be one of the shortest in decades — when it comes to hemlines, that is.

The Italian designers now showing their ready-to-wear fall and winter collections are offering the tiniest skirts seen on the runway since Mary Quant of London's Carnaby Street introduced the "mini" in the 1960s.

Midway through the fashion

week, every designer who has shown so far on the Milan runway has pulled hemlines at least several inches above the knee.

Some skirts have been tight, others loose or even petticoated. But the "mini" prize goes to Gianni Versace with a waist-to-thigh skirt less than a foot in length.

Versace's little hipbands were worn under masculine-tailored, fitted jackets of mid-hip length, some of which were longer than the skirt itself.

The skirts were either tiered, ribbed or sheared, making them cling tightly around their wearer's posterior.

At the halfway point of his Sunday evening show, Versace, in a seeming concession to the dictates of modesty, began sticking panels reminiscent of Indian skirts on his mini-outfits. But this innovation only enhanced the skirts' seductive allure by creating a peek-a-boo effect.

Some of the more full-figured models had a hard time squeezing into the mini-outfits.

If Versace skimped on the skirt, he made up for it in his shoulders. He stuffed dresses and jackets alike with molded pieces of foam rubber the size of milk cartons.

Versace may have pushed the "mini-look" to extremes. But other designers also opted for the "minimal" fashion, perhaps in a bid to lure buyers facing steadily rising prices with weakened dollars.

We have to move from a two-child family to a three-child family for the sake of our future," he told Singapore's 2.6 million population, of whom more than 70 per cent are Chinese.

Goh acknowledged that those who had themselves sterilised af-

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# Finland's Alen takes early lead in Portuguese Rally

MONTEJUNTO, Portugal (R) — Finland's Markku Alen, driving a Lancia Delta, was the early leader of the Portuguese Motor Rally Wednesday after winning the second special stage of the first leg.

Alen, four times winner of the Portuguese event, completed the 21.5 kilometre (km) first special stage in the Estoril Autodrome and the second 9.6 km stage over asphalt at Montejunto in 11 minutes 49 seconds.

France's Jean Ragnotti, in a Renault Turbo, recorded the same time as Alen, but the Finn led because he had been two seconds faster at Montejunto. Italy's Massimo Biasion, driving a Lancia, was third six seconds behind.

Reigning world champion Juha Kankkunen of Finland was in fifth place in his Lancia after the second special stage behind Spa-

## Standings after 2 special stages

1. Markku Alen (Finland) Lancia Delta, 11 min. 49 sec
2. Jean Ragnotti (France) Renault 11 Turbo, same time
3. Massimo Biasion (Italy) Lancia Delta, 6 sec behind
4. Carlos Sainz (Spain) Ford Sierra, 0:08
5. Juha Kankkunen (Finland) Lancia Delta, 0:10
6. Kenneth Eriksson (Sweden) VW Golf, 0:15
7. Ingvar Carlsson (Sweden) Mazda 323, 0:19
8. Erwin Weber (West Germany) VW Golf, 0:21
9. Timo Salonen (Finland) Mazda 323, 0:28
10. Joaquim Santos (Portugal) Ford Sierra, same time

## Atlanta downs San Antonio in OT

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dominique Wilkins scored 37 points in the Atlanta Hawks' 113-106 overtime victory over the Spurs, the Hawks' first win in San Antonio since the 1981-82 season of the National Basketball Association.

Atlanta led by as many as 16 points in the third period, but trailed 101-99 late in regulation until Wilkins hit a short jumper with five seconds left, forcing the extra period.

Kevin Willis had 24 points and 14 rebounds for Atlanta.

In other NBA games Tuesday night, it was New Jersey 121, Washington 79; Philadelphia 100, Cleveland 91; Detroit 116, New York 93; Seattle 136, Houston 127, in double overtime; Los Angeles Lakers 143, Denver 107; and Golden State 125, Sacramento 114.

In New York, Bill Laimbeer had 20 points and 19 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons maintained their slim lead over Atlanta with

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## Liverpool extends lead in England on Rush's goal

LONDON (AP) — Ian Rush bagged his 31st goal of the season to give Liverpool a 1-0 victory over Arsenal and extend the English soccer champion's lead in the standings to six points.

Rush, who is due to join Italy's Juventus at the end of the season, netted for the first time in five games as Liverpool, which has won the title eight times in the last 11 seasons, took a significant step towards retaining the championships.

Third-placed Arsenal, which meets Liverpool in the final of the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley April 10, now is seven points adrift of the champion with a game in hand. Everton, Liverpool's Merseyside neighbour, lies in second place, six points behind and also with one more game to play.

Some 47,000 fans packed Arsenal's Highbury Stadium to see Rush strike in the 20th minute against the injury-hit home side.

The Welsh international scored from six metres, after Paul Walsh had flicked on a corner by Craig Johnston.

Arsenal's biggest crowd of the season felt their team was denied a 36th-minute equaliser by referee Vic Callow.

The north London side claimed that a shot from striker Mike Quinn hit the post and crossed the line before Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar scooped the ball away. Arsenal also claimed a penalty nine minutes later when Viv Anderson was charged down by Steve McMahon.

Arsenal's manager, George Graham, said his side was unlucky not have had at least one penalty. But he paid tribute to Liverpool.

"When you give Liverpool a goal start they are always going to

## Canadian dazzles crowd at world skating tourney

CINCINNATI (AP) — Canadian Brian Orser used a dazzling display of footwork and spins to win the short programme at the World Figure Skating Championships.

The 25-year-old Orser remained third overall behind Alexander Fadeev of the Soviet Union and American Brian Boitano. Both Orser and Boitano, the defending champion, are considered stronger freestyle skaters than Fadeev, the 1985 world champion.

A group of European companies are sponsoring the Paris-Peking-Paris rally but the fliers have also had to find their own financing for part of the costs of the trip, estimated at between \$45,000 and \$100,000 per plane.

Most of the aircraft plan re-fuelling stops in Canton, south-east China, before reaching Hong Kong.

Fadeev won the compulsories and was third in the short programme. Boitano was second in both.

The three-way battle for the men's championship will conclude Thursday night with the free skate, worth 50 per cent of the total.

"I went before I went out there it would be good," said Orser, the runner-up in the last three world championships as well as the '84 Olympics.

Orser skated just before Boitano and Fadev and his series of spins, jumps and particularly his connecting footwork was spectacular. He earned seven 5.9s out of a possible 6.0 for technical merit from the nine judges, and six 5.9s for artistic impression. He also earned a standing ovation from the crowd of 11,369, which included many Canadians waving the red-and-white maple leaf flag.

Boitano completed his programme, set to country and western music, just as cleanly. The difference was in the choreography.

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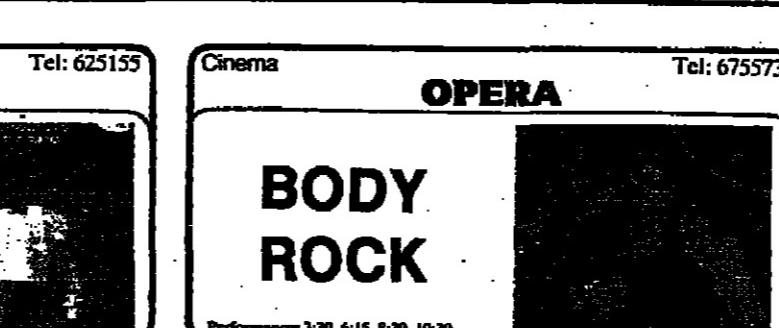
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## Karpov, Sokolov draw 7th game

LINARES, Spain (R) — Anatoly Karpov and Andrei Sokolov of the Soviet Union agreed to a draw in the seventh game of the World Chess Championship eliminator after 41 moves.

Sokolov, who played white, requested the draw after four hours and 44 minutes play.

Karpov, who used a Caro-Kann defence, leads the series by 3.5 points to 2.5.

Chef experts said the two grand masters reached a drawn position after the 30th move with one rook and four pawns each on the board.

Karpov was seen as holding a winning position in the resumption of the adjourned sixth game, which would give him a two-point lead.

The winner of the month-long battle earns the right to challenge Garry Kasparov for the World Chess Championship.

## U.S. hurdler out of British meet

COSFORD, England (AP) — Toni Campbell, world indoor champion over 60 metres hurdles, has pulled out of the United States' team for Friday's sixth annual Kodak Classic track and field meet against Britain, organizers said.

In a series of changes announced by the organisers, Campbell and Chris Clark will be replaced in the U.S. team by Reggie Davis and Albert Lane, while, in the 200 metres, James Butler and Albert Robinson will be replaced by Olympic bronze medallist Thomas Jefferson and Brady Crain.

Middle-distance runner Paul Harmsworth leads the English team.

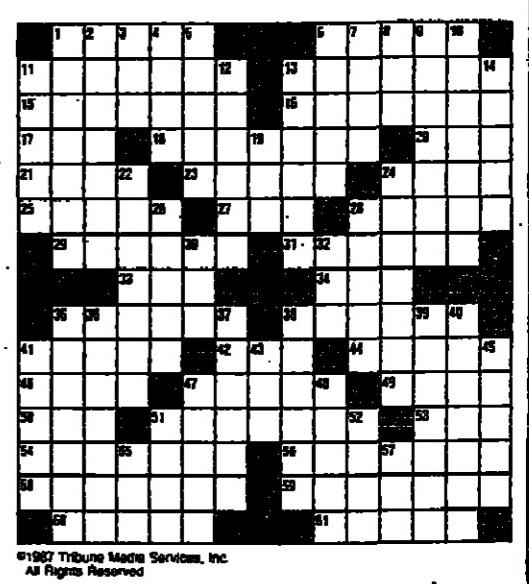
Harmsworth will run in the 400 metres, the event in which he finished fifth at last weekend's World Indoor Championships in Indianapolis.

Sebastian Coe, a two-time Olympic champion, earlier announced he would run for England in the 3,000. It is expected to be Coe's only indoor appearance of the season.

Others on the English squad for the meet at Cosford Royal Air Force Base, include sprinters Ernie Obeng and Martin Waitron in the 60 and Donovan Reid in the 200; Tony Morrell and Peter Elliott in the 1,000; John Gladwin and Adrian Passey in the mile; and Hugh Teape and Andrew in the 60-metre hurdles.

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## British minister says England won't seize fans' passports

LONDON (AP) — Britain's sports minister ruled out Wednesday any chance of the government seizing passports of soccer fans who cause trouble overseas.

The statement by Minister Richard Tracey followed a decision by UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, to keep English clubs out of cup competition on the continent for at least another year.

The ban was imposed almost two years ago after 39 people died in clashes between English and Italian fans at the European Champions Cup final at Brussels. Most of the victims were supporters of the Italian Club Juventus.

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## Aspiring German tennis players want to emulate success of Becker and Graf

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (R) — Young West Germans may be about to do to women's tennis what the Swedes have already done to the men's circuit.

Five West German women are ranked in the top 50 in the women's rankings and 10 are in the top 100, approaching the Swedes' strong showing in the men's side, where nine Swedes are currently in the top 50.

In the wake of Steffi Graf's defeat of both Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd in a Florida tournament last week, West German women players are eager to join their countrywoman at the top.

Graf rose to number two in the world for the first time last week prior to her Florida victories.

There were six additional West Germans playing alongside Graf last week, including 18-year-old Silke Meier, who reached the last 16.

Four of the lesser-known West Germans are competing in the \$75,000 Arizona Women's Championships this week, three of whom are still teenagers.

Claudia Probst, aged 18 and ranked 100, won her first-round match, defeating unseeded Swiss player Eva Krapf 6-1, 7-6. Probst reached the semifinals in the same tournament last year after coming through the qualifying.

World number one Martina Navratilova predicted good things to come for Probst after defeating her last year in the third round of the French Open, praising the West German's athletic ability, her intelligence and her desire to win.

Wiltrud Probst, 17, also won a first-round match, defeating 15-

year-old American junior Shira Gafni, who received a wild card, 6-1, 6-1.

Probst trains with Porwik and Sabine Hau under a team system organised by the German Tennis Federation.

Although Graf and countryman Boris Becker, also ranked two in the world, have thrown the spotlight on West Germany as an emerging tennis nation, Probst feels they are simply the first of many stars who will soon reach the top.

"It's not just Graf and Becker," Probst said. "There are a lot of players coming behind."

Isabel Cueto, 18 and ranked 90, defeated Argentine veteran Adriana Villagran 6-3, 6-7, 6-4 in the first round.

Unlike her countrywomen, Cueto, whose father is from Bolivia, has opted to work outside the German federation.

"If you work with the federation everything is paid for and that's great," Cueto said. "But you have to live far from home all week. You can only go home at weekends. I have to stay with my family when I'm not on the tour."

Cueto said she did not miss the team atmosphere. "There aren't any good friendships in tennis," Cueto said. "You never get close because you have to play against each other."

Cueto thinks the strength of women's tennis in Germany is nothing new. "There have always been good women players there," Cueto said. "but I think you will see Becker inspire a lot more men players, just like Bjorn Borg did in Sweden."

Heinz Gildemeister, a Chilean of German descent whose wife Tuesday.

"All the juniors here play the same way," Gildemeister said. "They have a one-handed forehand, two-handed backhand and they push the ball from the baseline."

Gildemeister thinks the combination of good organisation, a team system and the development of an all-court game are the factors that will put German players in front in the near future.

"But tennis is more aggressive now. The Europeans have a better all-court game."

Andrea Betzner, 20, is the fourth West German in Scottsdale. Betzner, who has seen only limited success on the tour so far, lost 6-3, 6-2, to 17-year-old American Niurka Sodou in another first-round match Tuesday.

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TOP GUN  
Performances 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:30

**RAINBOW**  
Tel: 625155  
  
WEIRD SCIENCE  
Performances

**LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

One sterling	1.5950/60	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3333/38	Canadian dollar
	1.8573/38	West German marks
	2.0978/88	Dutch guilders
	1.5390/5600	Swiss francs
	38.44/47	Belgian francs
	6.1790/182	French francs
	1319/1320	Italian lire
	153.55/65	Japanese yen
	6.4630/80	Swedish crowns
	6.9720/70	Norwegian crowns
	6.9800/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	406.90/407.40	U.S. dollars

**LONDON STOCK MARKET**

LONDON (R) — Equities showed an easier bias in late trading after Wall Street lost an early 11-point gain on news the U.S. fourth quarter balance of payments trade deficit was a record \$38.37 billion.

Shares moved ahead during the morning with the market extending Tuesday's gains on continuing optimism about next week's U.K. budget, hopes of a further decline in domestic interest rates, strong sterling and a firmer gilt market. However, prices tended to ease around mid-session as a fairly large sell programme made its presence felt. There was also widespread, although relatively light, retail profit-taking.

Dealers said a higher-than-expected annual profit by BTR helped slow the midday decline. The company reported 1982 pretax earnings of £505 million compared with £362 million previous year and market forecasts of around £480 million.

BTR shares stood 2p easier in late trading at 340 after rising to 349 in the wake of the results.

Volume tended to be fairly thin which made for exaggerated movements in many issues.

**YOUR DAILY Horoscope**

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAR. 12, 1987**

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** You can make some definite plans now and extend your interests and activities toward more exciting goals. Some older persons can be helpful to you.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact persons you have known for some time and ask for suggestions on how to make greater progress.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Rely on your business experience to understand what is best to do for greater success in the future.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Handle whatever is necessary to have greater efficiency with your associates and get ahead faster.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Plan how to get more for the work you do. One who is very successful can give you fine ideas.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get into activities that give you relief from building tension. Tonight make necessary adjustments with your mate.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Be together quietly with your mate and come to a true meeting of the minds to insure a calm future.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 22 to Oct. 22) A loyal pal can now give you the support you need, so be willing to accept. You can sidestep trouble for now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you have some idea in mind for adding to your possessions, it is wise to discuss it with a bigwig first.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have many fine ideas for increasing success and can get your talents before others easily now.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Have a confidential conversation with one in business. Tell the person you love of your deep devotion.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) It's a good day to meet with fine friends and loyal partners and devise a new plan that will be beneficial to all.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put out your best efforts and you can get fine credit from influential people. Get your efforts into the public eye.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ...** he, or she, will accomplish wonders just by the expediency of a little praise, a pat on the back or even a smile of appreciation, so be sure to give the finest education possible that will prepare him, or her, for important work. A wonderful mind here and a true romantic.

**FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1987**

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Today can bring a discussion which could turn into an argument, but this influence soon passes and you find you are able to organize your inspirations.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) It's not a good time for answering an important letter. Get out into the business world and make fine impressions on others.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may argue over a financial matter with another, but later you can have a good time if you want to.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) You could get into trouble with a friend, but this soon blows over. Tonight have guests into your home.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't be angry if a friend cannot enjoy a pleasure with you. Don't try to solve a problem with your mate.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Plan which changes you want to make in your surroundings. Set up a course for the future that brings greater success.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Be careful you do not change your old friends for new ones or you could later regret it. Pursue personal goals now.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 22 to Oct. 22) Don't fight with a partner over a change of systems. Private affairs can later be solved to your satisfaction.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You may be annoyed because you have to revise some work you have done. Later have fun with your friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be tactful in handling some outside affair. Contact those who have the information you need.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't argue about an obligation. Study what your mate needs the most and try to please this person.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Control your temper and don't pick on others. Study your agreements and try to complete those still unfinished.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ...** he, or she, will make a friend and then go on to another, so be sure to teach this one to be more devoted and steadfast. Upon reaching adulthood your progeny will be very neat and precise in whatever is tackled and get excellent results. One who can be very enterprising.

**IMF warns Israel against wage rises**

TEL AVIV (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned Israel that continued rapid wage rises could undo efforts to control hyperinflation, officials said Wednesday.

"Continued rapid rise in wages would threaten the progress in reducing inflation and the present level of employment," the IMF said, in an interim report. It held out Argentina and Brazil as examples of the perils awaiting countries who did not follow up on stabilisation programmes.

The report echoed warnings last week by Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno and the private Bank Hapoalim that higher wages, government overspend-

ing and a consumer boom were fueling inflation.

The IMF study said: "Though wage developments and the reacceleration of inflation are worrisome, there is still time to put the stabilisation programme back on track."

The warning comes ahead of Israel's key public sector wage negotiations next month.

Bank Hapoalim chief economist Petahia Bar-Shavit told Reuters that wages, after being adjusted for inflation, rose about 10 per cent in 1986, after a sharp decline of between 15 and 20 per cent in the second half of 1985 when the government's economic stabilisa-

tion programme was introduced.

Hapoalim forecast last week that inflation would rise to around 30 per cent this year and a second devaluation of the shekel might be necessary later in the year, following the 9.75 per cent devaluation against the dollar in January.

Bar-Shavit also said that the government was implementing a policy of cutting taxes without a clear strategy for balancing the budget.

The IMF report said monetary policy was relaxed too fast last year and it supported the Bank of Israel's raising of interest rates in the last month.

**S. Arabia exempts foreigners from state pension payments**

RIYADH (AP) — Foreigners Wednesday celebrated King Fahd's decision to relieve them from paying five per cent of their salary to the state pension fund.

A royal decree issued overnight also stipulated that those who paid contributions in the past would have some refunded, but would also lose their right to collect a pension later.

The decree did not spell out how much would be refunded by the state-run General Organisation for Social Insurance (GOSI), nor when.

Minister of Information, Sheikh Ali Al Shaer, told the nation that King Fahd made the decision because expatriate workers were seldom in the kingdom long enough to collect GOSI benefits.

Offices in Riyadh rang with cries of "mabrouk" or "congratulations" as workers learned of the decision, which effectively raised their salaries by slightly more than five per cent.

The plan was compulsorily for companies with more than 20 workers and only about half the kingdom's estimated three million workers are believed to be active participants.

A total of 3.8 million are registered with GOSI, including some people who are not in the work force. No breakdown is available on how many are foreigners.

**Tokyo stock prices rocket**

TOKYO (R) — Tokyo stocks swept to their second straight record closing high Wednesday as cash-laden investors used any excuse to snap up shares, brokers said.

The 225-share market average climbed 98.50 to a record closing high of 21,312.96, after earlier rising as high as an all-time record 21,371.51. A massive two billion shares changed hands.

Everything from favourable earnings reports to news of government moves to help steel makers and ship builders prompted buying, they said.

"It is just excuses (to buy) than are driving this market," said one broker. "The money is there. All they need is an excuse (to invest it)."

Brokers said Wednesday's enormous share turnover, the fifth largest in the history of the stock exchange, stemmed from financial institutions buying shares hoping for quick profits to boost their earnings before the 1986 fiscal year ends later this month.

Individual investors, lured into the market by the government's sale of shares in the mammoth Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT), are continuing to place their savings in stocks, brokers said.

"Some individuals who were virgins to the stockmarket were encouraged by NTT. Now many are investing in pharmaceutical companies and the like," one broker said.

**Lonrho issues writ against Egyptians controlling Harrods**

LONDON (R) — The international trading giant Lonrho issued a writ Tuesday alleging "fraudulent conspiracy" by department store patronised by the British royal family.

The company said it was seeking unspecified damages from Mohammed, Ali and Sayed Al Fayed, their company House of Fraser Holdings, and merchant bank Kleinwort Benson.

It said the writ claimed damages for "fraudulent conspiracy against Lonrho, and fraudulent and negligent mis-statements of fact to the Office of Fair Trading, the secretary of state for trade and industry and the former board of House of Fraser Plc."

A Lonrho spokesman declined to comment further on the writ and its allegations.

In 1985 a long-running campaign by Lonrho to take over the House of Fraser — which counts Harrods in London among its assets — was finally defeated when the Al Fayed brothers won control of the department store chain in a £615 million (\$972 million) agreement.

Lonrho, run by British tycoon Roland Rowland, had been trying to acquire House of Fraser for a decade but its repeated bids were blocked by a government watchdog body.

**First bankruptcy proceedings start against Hungarian firm**

BUDAPEST (R) — A bank in Hungary has started bankruptcy proceedings against a state firm, the first such case since the communist nation introduced a new bankruptcy law last year, the official MTI news agency said Tuesday.

The bankruptcy law is unique in Eastern Europe where Hungary has been a pace-setter in reforming its economy.

MTI said the Hungarian Credit Bank, a profits-oriented commercial bank which was itself set up early this year under banking reforms, had started proceedings against the state building industry company of Veszprem County (VAEV).

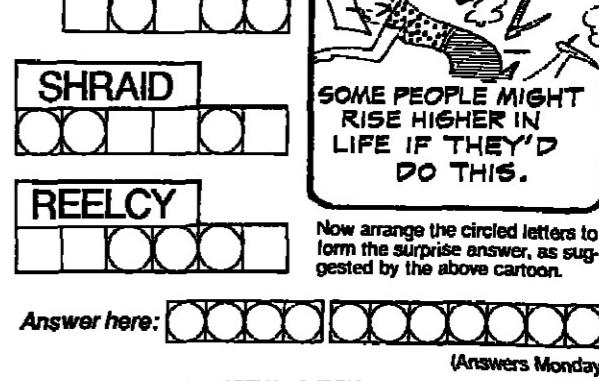
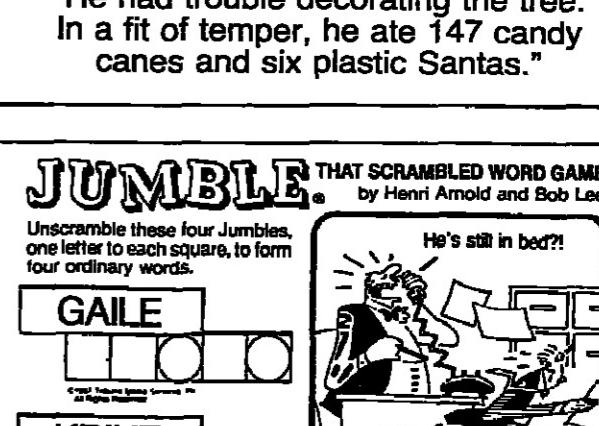
The firm ended 1985 with losses of some \$300 million (forints about \$6.7 million) despite two reorganisations over the past 10 years, the agency said.

Thus there are no further guarantees to improve company management... MTI said.

The new bankruptcy law transfers much responsibility for the problems of insolvent firms from the state to creditors and the courts.

It also includes provisions for dealing with unemployment, a concept which does not exist in other East Bloc states.

But Hungarian officials insist that workers will be employed only temporarily and that mass unemployment as seen in the West could never exist here.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: APPLY CURRY DEPUTY NAPKIN

Answer: What kind of attention did the chairman get when he rapped with his gavel? — RAPT

Jumbles: APPLY CURRY DEPUTY NAPKIN

# Weinberger calls for vigorous U.S. military role in space

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has approved a new policy directive on U.S. military operations in space that emphasises the need to prepare for combat beyond the earth's atmosphere.

The new directive, disclosed by the Pentagon on Tuesday, calls for rapid deployment of a satellite-killing rocket, completion of research on President Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defense system and studies on the need for manned military space stations.

It also calls for construction of more survivable U.S. satellites and embraces previous decisions by the Pentagon to develop a mix of unmanned rockets to augment the capacity of the space shuttle fleet.

In addition, Mr. Weinberger's directive says the military should draft procedures by which the Pentagon could take over commercial boosters to launch military payloads in an emergency.

## Deng, Li and Zhao invited to U.S.

**PEKING (R)** — Washington has invited a top Chinese leader to pay an official visit to the United States this year, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here Wednesday.

China is now studying the invitation, contained in letters from President Ronald Reagan which were passed on by Secretary of State George Shultz during his visit last week, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said letters were sent to China's leader Deng

Beyond those individual goals, however, is an overall policy statement making to clear the U.S. military should be prepared to fight in space.

The Defense Department must assure "that forces of hostile nations cannot prevent our own use of space," the directive said, adding that it is clear the Soviet Union is seeking "dominance of space."

Space is recognised as being a medium within which the conduct of military operations in support of our national security can take place, just as on land, at sea and in the atmosphere," it said.

The new policy directive was signed by Mr. Weinberger on Feb. 4 and was immediately classified secret. A censored version

of the document was released Tuesday, however, when the Pentagon announced the secretary's action.

The Pentagon said the new directive updates a "Department of Defense space policy" that was last revised in 1982, long before the start of the Star Wars programme and the changes wrought by the loss of the space shuttle Challenger in January 1986.

Previous internal directives on the subject have discussed the need for the military to ensure U.S. access to space, particularly from the standpoint of maintaining American satellites in space for communications, navigation, reconnaissance and early-warning purposes.

The new document, however, appears to advance those goals by emphasising such "force application" steps as developing a Star Wars missile-defence system "to the point of readiness for use," deployment of "robust and comprehensive anti-satellite

capability" and "new studies of possible military manned operations in space."

### Reagan praises Weinberger

Meanwhile President Reagan, in an apparent bid to smooth ruffled feathers over the Iran arms scandal, Tuesday had his chief spokesman heap praise on Mr. Weinberger.

"Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is a distinguished member of the cabinet who has served the president long and well. The president has the highest trust and confidence in Secretary Weinberger," spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters.

The unusual gesture followed a Washington Post report that Mr. Weinberger unsuccessfully urged Mr. Reagan to include a passage in his address last week on the Iran-contra scandal, saying that he and Secretary of State George Shultz were wrongly criticised by a presidential commission.

## Rights group says torture continues in El Salvador

**SAN SALVADOR (R)** — Political prisoners are routinely tortured by El Salvador's security forces, a U.S. human rights group has said in a report released here.

The Lawyers Committee for Human Rights said despite efforts to improve the judicial system, 90 per cent of the more than 1,000 political detainees were never tried.

Almost every female detainee reported rape or attempted rape shortly after arrest, the report, titled "from the ashes," added.

No officers in the security

forces had been prosecuted although a weight of evidence showed their past involvement in political killings, it said, and suspects were arrested on the slimmest grounds.

The current system seems tolerable only when compared to the horrors of the past," it said, acknowledging a decline in human rights abuses since the early part of the decade.

Coercive interrogation was a standard operating practice for security forces, it said.

## Man killed in Laos blast reportedly planted bomb

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** — A Laotian killed in a blast outside the Soviet Cultural Centre in Vientiane, Laos, planted the homemade time bomb, a diplomat in Laos said Wednesday.

An Australian embassy official said police officials told diplomats the "primitive time bomb" exploded at 5:26 a.m. Monday (2300 GMT) as the man was setting the timing mechanism at

the centre's front door.

"It became public knowledge as early as 5:26 that the man who was killed was responsible for the homemade bomb," said the diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The time of the explosion had earlier been reported as between 6 and 7 a.m. (2300 and 2400 GMT).

## Kabul offers 18-month timetable for Soviet pullout

**GENEVA (R)** — Afghanistan has cut its proposed timetable for Soviet troop withdrawals to 18 months at United Nations-sponsored peace talks with Pakistan, Western diplomatic sources said.

Pakistan countered by saying the troops which marched into Afghanistan in December 1979 — now estimated at some 115,000 — would be withdrawn seven months after proposed U.N. peace pact was signed, the diplomats said.

The positions, set out during 13 days of indirect talks at U.N. European headquarters, represented "considerable progress," according to U.N. special mediator Diego Cordovez.

The two sides will meet again soon to pursue the moves, he told a news conference Tuesday. He hoped the delegations led by Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Waliq and Pakistan Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yaqub Khan would resume talks by mid-May.

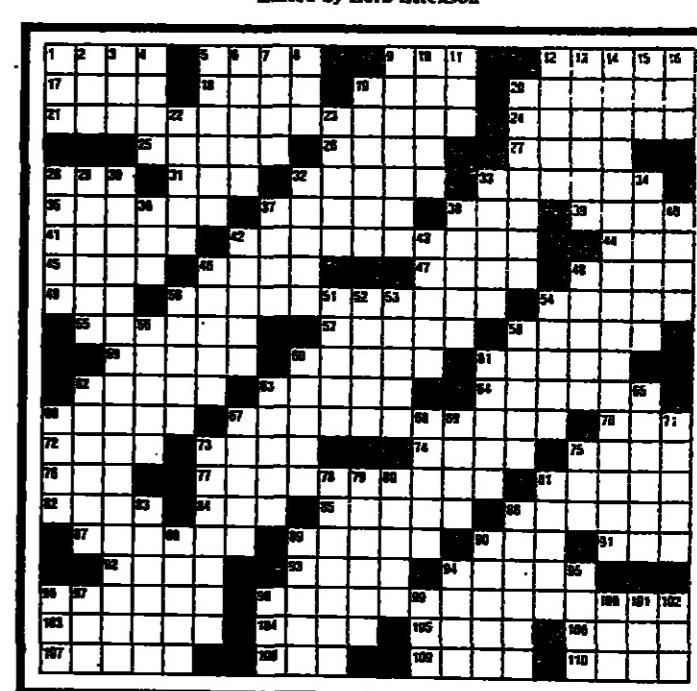
## American killed in plane downed by Honduran jets

**TEGUCIGALPA (R)** — Honduran combat jets shot down a C-47 cargo plane that refused to identify itself, killing the pilot, a U.S. citizen reportedly linked to the drug trade, and two crewmembers, the military has said. The pilot was named in a military communiqué as Joseph Bernard Mason, a U.S. citizen, with pilot's licences from both Panama and the United States.

The communiqué said two other bodies were found in the wreckage, but Mason was the only one identified. The plane was shot down by Honduran jets Tuesday night near the town of Guarita in Lempira province near the borders with El Salvador and Guatemala. Reporters returning from the scene of the crash said it was completely destroyed.

## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

Edited by Herb Ettenson



Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Diamond ring lingered on stubborn girl's finger after botched engagement.
2. Lotto player plays two, five, seven, nine, twelve and twenty for win of ten dollars.
3. We bridge players know how to do it with finesse, but you poker players do it by bluffing.
4. Museum's statue stolen! The trouble is the Met hasn't all its marbles!

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. LUTI WMGO RNDENIC ETYNST SDEEA PW DIALTONIC PDSUNIT LT LNEE UDY TENPNIDZTR DIW UGPDI HDO2NSNHDZNMI NI ZTETHEUMIT SMITYOADZNML —By Len Sherry

2. YAZETAQAKZRELAT QNQAKZ NL OYGWA SPAK TNB WKG JN DNKEZEMART GKT-ZPEKO TNB SGEZ — DYNMEAJA EZX LYAA —By Barbara J. Ross

3. OCLEIML FNIFAN OBLANCES, WNAXH WZIOANX OCZZ ZBESMCXE BY B. FAN XIE OCLEIML LABNX —By Alvin B. Lebar

4. PEPBH PEPBH CEPZ BNGZ IELIH DELISH OUS OSBEBING CUDDZIL —By Ed Huddleson

### Diagramless

21 X 22, by James Barrick

ACROSS

1 Small bay

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